

### **Amendments to the Specification**

At the first line of the specification, please delete "This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/781, 329 filed January 10, 1997" and insert therefore;

--This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/781, 329 filed January 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,989,879, which claims the benefit of priority to Provisional Application No. 60/029,055, filed October 24, 1996.

### **Statement Regarding Federally Funded Research**

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